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悲しみと欲望が混沌する街、スラムストリート。そこには死者を蘇生してくれるという
ネクロマンサーが住んでいる。人々は大切な人ともう一度会う為に、今日も彼のもとを訪れる。
悲哀に惑う人間の業を描く第3巻！ 明かされる過去。物語は核心へ！

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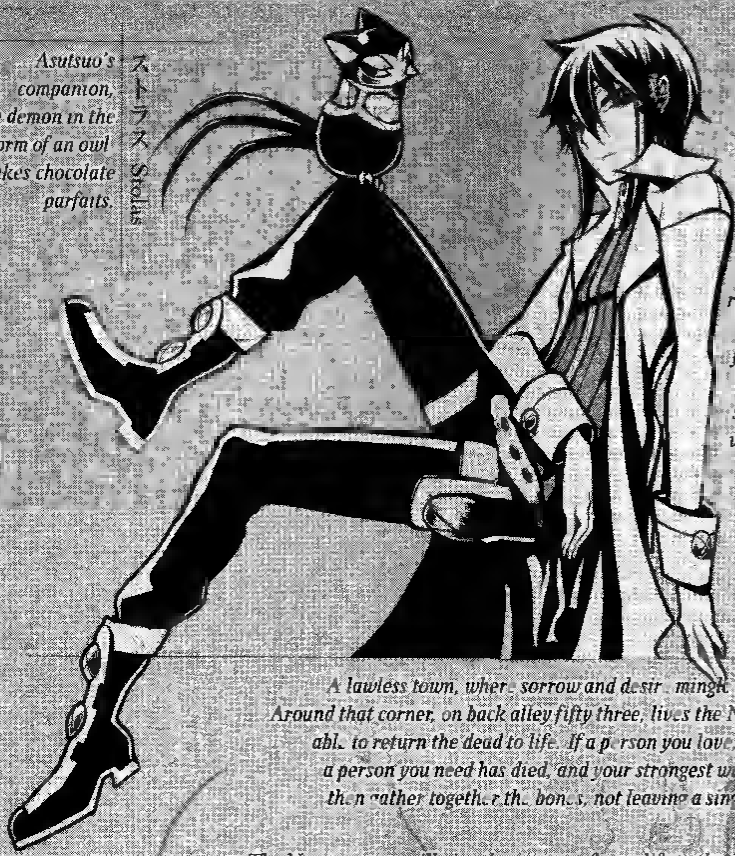
有喰あい
Kuroobi Ai

*A demon who can become a deceased person for one day by eating one of their bones. She deals in information.*



ストラス Stolas

*Asutsuo's companion, a demon in the form of an owl. Likes chocolate parfaits.*

アスツオ
Asutsuo Johann Faust

*He will revive the dead, under certain conditions, but his motivations remain unkown. A suspicious young man with a confident smirk. He loves white chocolate.*

リコット・プロネマ
Ricott Pronema

*A female detective, burning hot with the flame of justice. She is sticking her neck out trying to rehabilitate (?)*

## story

*A lawless town, where sorrow and desire mingle together – Slum Street. Around that corner, on back alley fifty three, lives the Necromancer said to be able to return the dead to life. If a person you love, a person you treasure, a person you need has died, and your strongest wish is to see them again, then gather together the bones, not leaving a single fragment, and come.*

*The Necromancer will give three years of your life to the dead and ressurect them. But the ressurected person, has a much stronger heart than in their previous life, their desires are amplified, and special charactaristics are emphasized. The Necromancer will give three years of your life to the dead and resurrect them. But, the resurrected person has a much strong heart than in their previous life, their desires are amplified and their special characteristics are emphasized. Now, will you beg me to save them?*

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The town where sorrow and desire mingle together – Slum Street.
There lives the Necromancer, said to be able to resurrect the dead.
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EXCUSE ME!
COME IN.
OH?
YOU DON'T HAVE ANY BONES WITH YOU. WHAT DO YOU WANT?
MY NAME IS KULAN KRIE.

Necro-
mancer
Make
me your
appren-
tice!
HUUH?

# Chapter 11

— equivalent exchange —

SO BASICALLY,
EVER SINCE YOU SAW ME RESURRECT YOUR GRANDMOTHER, YOU'VE ASPIRED TO BE A NECROMANCER.
THAT'S RIGHT!
A Necromancer alleviates peoples' unhappiness.
I'm so deeply moved!
THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME SORT OF MISUNDERSTANDING.
BEING A NECROMANCER IS NEITHER AS GOOD NOR AS SIMPLE A THING AS YOU SEEM TO THINK IT IS.
I AM PREPARED!

...YOU WON'T COMPLAIN ABOUT MAKING SACRIFICES?
ALLOW ME TO START BY DOING YOUR CLEANING!
I WON'T!

WELL, TODAY I'D BETTER PATROL HERE, TOO
ASU-TSUO COULD BE UP TO SOME-THING WEIRD
HUH?
WH-WHAT?
WHAT IS THIS?
ASU-TSUO, WHAT HAP-PENED HERE?!

I can't change the fact he's so ram-bunctious.
but I can't just let this go on.
Wa!-I'm sorry, Master!
SO, YOU'RE SAYING HE WANTS TO BE A NECRO-MANCER AND SIMPLY RE-FUSES TO LEAVE?
MISS DETECTIVE, SHOULDN'T YOU TAKE HIM INTO PROTECTIVE CUSTODY?
HEY! YOU'RE THE ONE DOING ALL THE SUS-PICIOUS STUFF AROUND HERE!

KYAAAA...
HE SEEMS TO BE A MORE DECENT SORT THAN THE OBJECT OF HIS ADMIRATION.
HE HAS BEEN NOTHING BUT A NUISANCE.
STOLAS!
A SUTSUO... THAT KID TRIED TO PULL MY TAIL OFF!
IT'S NOT LIKE THAT
I THOUGHT HE HAD SOME MOLTED FEATHERS STUCK ON HIM.
HOW TROUBLE SOME...
HE'S NOT JUST MY PROBLEM...
Molted feathers?! This is obviously my tail!

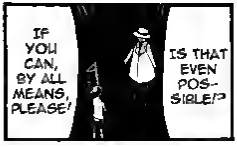
I'VE WORKED SO HARD FOR YOU, ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU TAUGHT ME SOME-THING?
YOU'RE MY MASTER, RIGHT, MASTER?
HUH?
Master's staff...
Where's Master?

HELP ME, NECRO-MANCER!
I want to try resurrection!
IT'S SO COOL!
MASTER'S NOT IN RIGHT...

THE BONES GO HERE...
BY THE WAY, WHO ARE YOU?
WHAT HAP-PENED TO THE NECRO-MAN-CER?
AH, I'M HIS AP-PRENTICE.
MY MASTER IS OUT RIGHT NOW, SO I'LL...

WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?
Necromancy takes away three years of a person's life every time it's used, doesn't it?!
When I think that this could kill me,
It scares me...
Master's spell is certainly amazing, but...
If it takes away the customer's life, it's also horrible...

I'll do it!
A necromancer can't make anyone unhappy!


IF YOU CAN, BY ALL MEANS, PLEASE!
IS THAT EVEN POS-SIBLE!?

HEHE!
HERE I GO!

I'VE GOT IT!
I'M SELF-TAUGHT, BUT
I'LL TRY A RESUR-RECTION WITHOUT TAKING YOUR LIFE!!

Shem
ha
Mephosh
Shem
ha
Mephosh

RITA!
I...
did it...

OH!
NO
YOU ARE TRULY A MAGNI-FICENT NECRO-MANCER!
THANK YOU!
THANK YOU!
THANKS TO YOU, I CAN LIVE WITH MY DAUGHTER AGAIN.
Making people this happy makes me...
happy too!

NECRO-MANCY SURE TAKES A LOT OUT OF YOU.
THANKS FOR YOUR PATRO-NAGE!
YEAH! LET S SEE MASTER TALK DOWN TO ME NOW!
I'll just have to get used to it...

Just
a bit
more...

IF I HAD TO SAY, HE'S A "Philosopher's Stone."
The crystal which turns lead into gold...
THAT STONE IS, IN FACT,
A DEMON CREATED BY THE WILL OF THE PHILOSOPHERS.
A CRYSTALLIZATION OF THE DESIRES OF THE ALCHEMISTS WHO SOUGHT TO BEND
THE VERY PROVIDENCE AND TRUTH OF THE WORLD.
TN: THE JAPANESE WORDS FOR "STONE" AND "WILL" ARE BOTH PRONOUNCED "ISHI"

THE STONE CONSUMED THEIR DESIRES AND GRANTED THEIR WISHES
HOWEVER THE ONES WHO PAID THE PRICE FOR WARPING TRUTH AND REASON WERE THE ALCHEMISTS THEMSELVES
PEOPLE MUST MAKE A CHOICE AS TO IF THEIR...
"Desire"
ARE WORTH THE "Cost."

SO, I HAVE SECRETLY PERFECTED A WAY TO RESURRECT PEOPLE, WITHOUT ANY COST!
IT'S KIND OF HARD TO BREATHE WHILE CASTING THE SPELL, BUT I'VE GOTTEN SO USED TO IT THAT I DON'T NOTICE
I HAVE ALREADY COME INTO MY OWN...
ku ku ku...
LISTEN TO ME, MASTER!
I'VE BEEN THINKING AND THE WAY YOU TAKE AWAY THREE YEARS OF A PERSON'S LIFE FOR A RESURRECTION IS AWFUL.
Stupid brat, did you really think you could do such a fanciful thing?

Asutsuo was using your soul to pay for all those resurrections.
Huh...?
WHY?
Why...
would you do...?

Didn't you say you didn't want to cause anyone unhappiness with your necromancy?
The only way to do that is to sacrifice yourself is it not?
I'm sure you understand, but every resurrection requires three years of someone's life.
The time you have left is...

THREE YEARS.
Exactly
FUFU...
WE HAVE A CUSTOMER.
EXCUSE ME?

HELLO BOY.
MY DAUGHTER HAS SUCCUMBED TO HER ILLNESS, ONCE AGAIN
OF course,
You'll resurrect her without any cost, won't you?

I, uhh...
I...
Umm...
can't...
do that.
...What do you mean?

If I resurrect her...
It... will kill me...
I DON'T GIVE A DAMN!!
Gulp...

Help me... Master
Fufu...
What are you saying?
The customer is behaving this way as a result of the choices you made.
Well then,
WILL YOU CONTINUE ...

AAA AAA AH!
KYA!
AS A NECRO MAN- CER?
HUH?
THAT BOY..
THAT BOY FROM BEFORE JUST RAN BY IN AN AWFUL HURRY
HE WON'T BE COMING BACK HERE AGAIN.

WITHOUT THIS, NOTHING CAN BE OBTAINED.
NOTHING CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT GIVING SOMETHING IN EXCHANGE
AND THAT WHICH YOU GET FROM STEALING SOULS
IS ALWAYS
DAN-GER,
CON-TEMPT,
RAGE,
HATE,
SOR-ROW,
AND MALICE
One must bear all of these on their back...

To be
a Necro-mancer.

AH!
HA
HA
This is the Necromancer's world.
Has my life really been used up?
Yes, my eyes can see it clearly.
You have only three more years.
kuku ku....
Let me tell you something interes-ting.

Asutsuo's family can only use necromancy because their ancestor formed a pact with me.
A "Blood Pact"
There was no way you could have used it.
Ah...

This is your punishment for treading so half-heartedly in the realm of necromancy.
For distorting truth, a Necromancer is a cursed existence.
The Necromancer Knows This
No one can understand the price you pay...
But even so,
you accept it.

# The Perfect Resurrection.

**People must make a choice whether or not their "Desires" are worth the "Cost"**

— equivalent exchange —

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KYAAAAAA!

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Chapter 12
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MOTHER!
WELL DONE, PREHNE.
YOU WERE A HIT. EVERY ONE WAS DE-LIGHT-ED!
HM?
YOU SEEM TO BE QUITE TALKATIVE FOR SOMEONE WHO JUST DIED.
OF COURSE I AM!
RIGHT NOW, THE INCREDIBLY POPULAR CHILD ACTRESS, PREHNE, IS PLAYING THE PART OF
"The Phoenix Diva."
NOTHING SHORT OF ABSOLUTE REALISM WOULD HAVE THE PROPER IMPACT.

Isn't it wonder-ful?
Mother wrote this play just for me!
Fufu...
And you are willing to die for it?
OF COURSE
PREHNE IS MY PRODUC-TION

AND THIS IS?
TAKE IT
A BLANK CHECK
YOU CAN FILL IT OUT FOR HOWEVER MUCH YOU LIKE
Do you
under-stand what I mean?

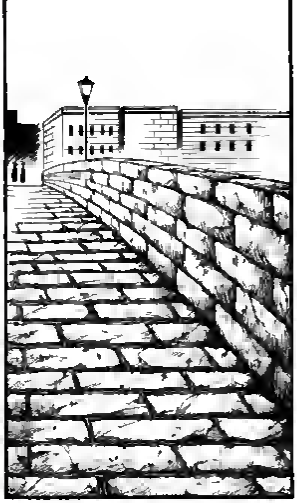
FUFU, MY LIPS ARE SEALED.
AND AS FOR YOU,
HERE IS YOUR PAYMENT FOR THIS PERFOR-MANCE
MAKE SURE YOU KILL HER IN ONE BLOW NEXT TIME, AS WELL.
IF YOU DO, YOUR DREAM WILL COME TRUE BEFORE TOO LONG

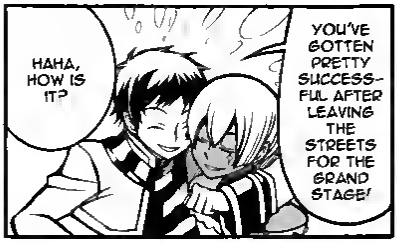
Oi!
Nieg Ruweida.
AND WHO YOU... MIGHT BE?
ONE OF MY FANS?
I'M NOT A FAN.

WHY DO YOU KEEP DOING THIS?
...Prehne
HAHA, SORRY ABOUT THAT
I have a name too, you know. It's Prelve Tartotsche.
AND I AM NOT AN "O!"
NOPE.
IT CERTAINLY HURTS A LOT WHEN I DIE
DON'T YOU HATE IT?
YOU'RE KILLED BY ME EVERY DAY.
ISN'T IT...
PAINFUL?
But,
it makes Mother and everyone Smile!

HUH? BUT MOTHER TOLD ME I MUSTN'T SET FOOT OUTSIDE THE THEATRE.
THERE'S SOME-WHERE I WOULD LIKE TO TAKE YOU.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO DIE TO MAKE PEOPLE SMILE.
I'LL SHOW YOU A WORLD WHERE PEOPLE SMILE FOR YOU, EVEN IF YOU DON'T DIE!

NIES, LONG TIME NO SEE!

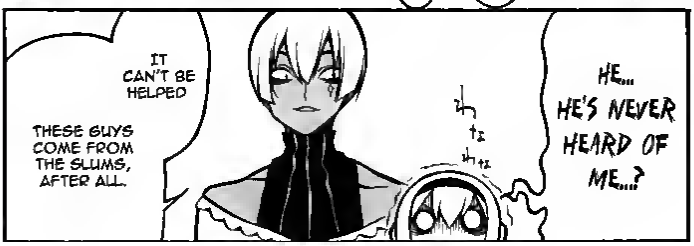



YOU'VE GOTTEN PRETTY SUCCESS-FUL AFTER LEAVING THE STREETS FOR THE GRAND STAGE!
HAHA, HOW IS IT?

OH? WHO'S THE KID?

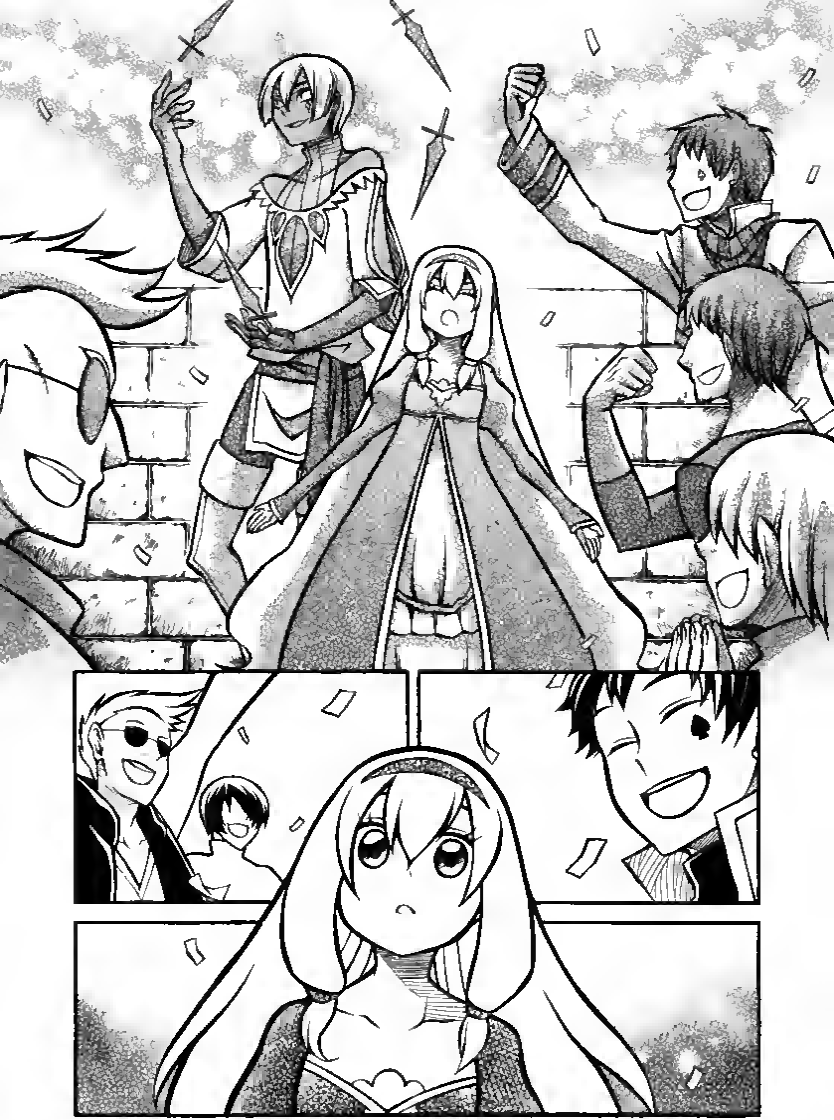
NEVER HEARD OF HER

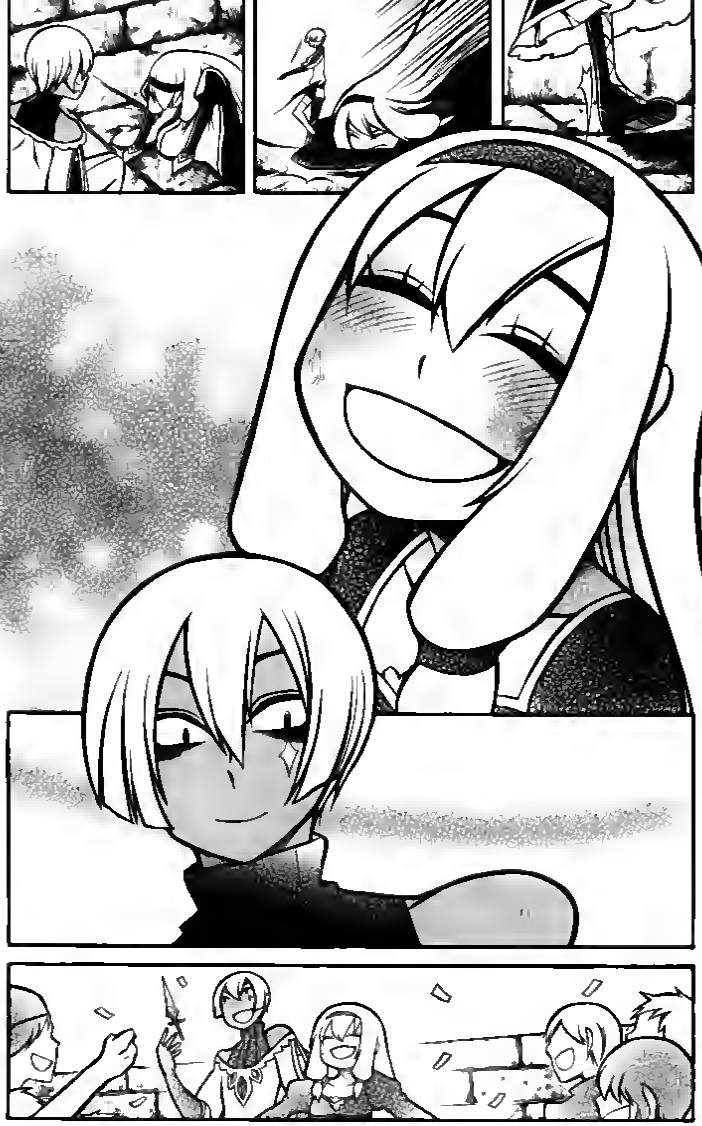
PRE-HNE
SHE'S A BIG DEAL IN THE THEATRE WORLD
EH?


IT CAN'T BE HELPED
THESE GUYS COME FROM THE SLUMS, AFTER ALL.
HE... HE'S NEVER HEARD OF ME...?

THAT'S BECAUSE I'M FROM THE SLUMS, TOO. WE USED TO PERFORM TOGETHER.
BUT, THEY KNOW WHO YOU ARE.
THEY'VE NEVER SEEN ANYONE WHO ACTS IN A FANCY THEATRE.
YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN!
OOOH!
Hoh!
Hah!
WATCH, AS I JUGGLE THESE SIX KNIVES!
AND, WE HAVE A SPECIAL GUEST TODAY!

PREHNE TORTOTSCHE WILL SING FOR US!
Eh ?!
I will...?
Wha- what should I sing?
WHAT EVER YOU LIKE!
Now, every-one!
Join us!!
THIS ISN'T THE THEATRE
I-I DON'T KNOW HOW THIS WILL TURN OUT!





MY DREAM WAS TO BECOME THE WORLD'S GREATEST ACTOR, AND MAKE EVERY-ONE SMILE.
I'M CERTAIN YOU CAN DO IT!
I'VE BEEN KILLING YOU FOR THE SAKE OF MY DREAM,
BUT I WAS WRONG
MY DREAM WON'T COME TRUE
IF YOU AREN'T SMILING TOO, PREHNE
DO YOU UNDERSTAND? IF YOU WANT TO SEE REAL SMILES, YOU HAVE TO BE SMILING, TOO.
SO, I'M NOT GOING TO KILL YOU AGAIN.
YE-
YES.

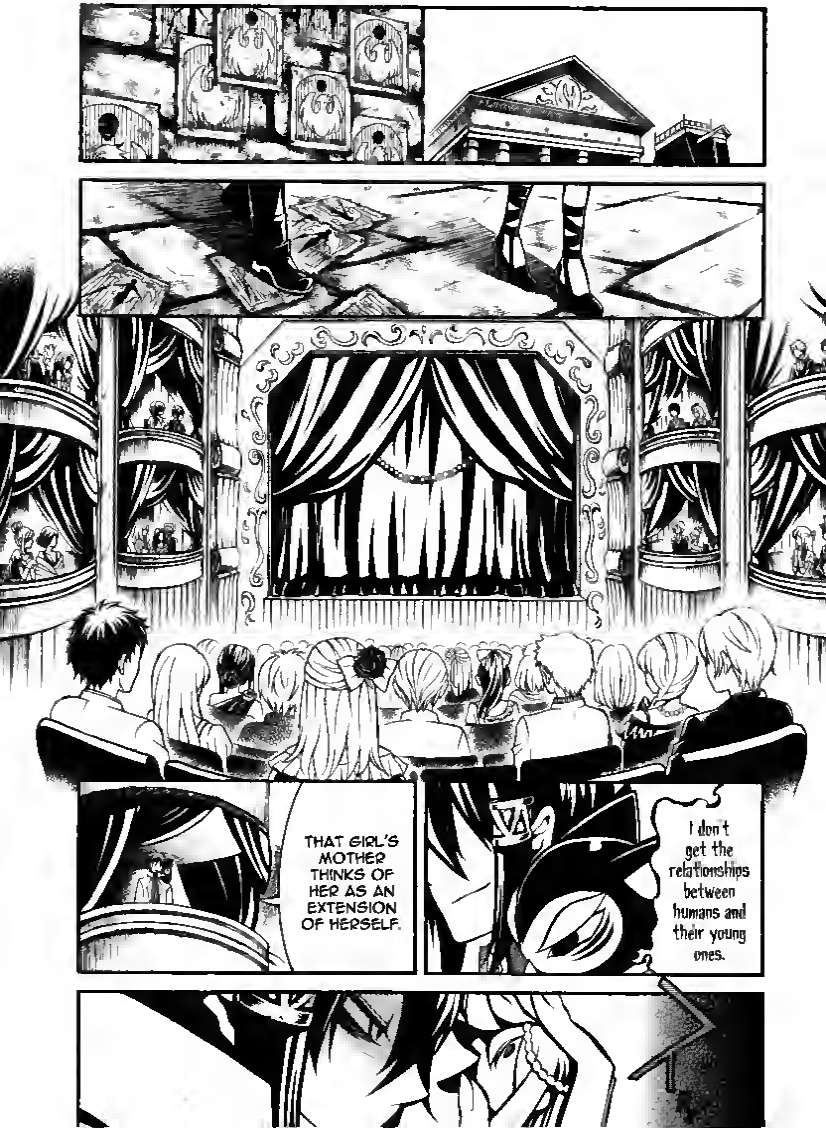
I'M SORRY, MOTHER
Prehne!
What is this?! You've broken your word, and gone outside!
I'VE NEVER SMILED LIKE THIS
BUT, I HAD SO MUCH FUN!
before!
Mo...
Mother ...?

What are you...?
You're my production.
HOW DARE YOU BRUISE YOUR FACE?!
I'm-I'm sorry.
I'm so-
Nieg...
PLEASE STOP IT

So,
It was you...
who damaged my production...
UGH!
IT WAS YOU!
IT WAS YOU!

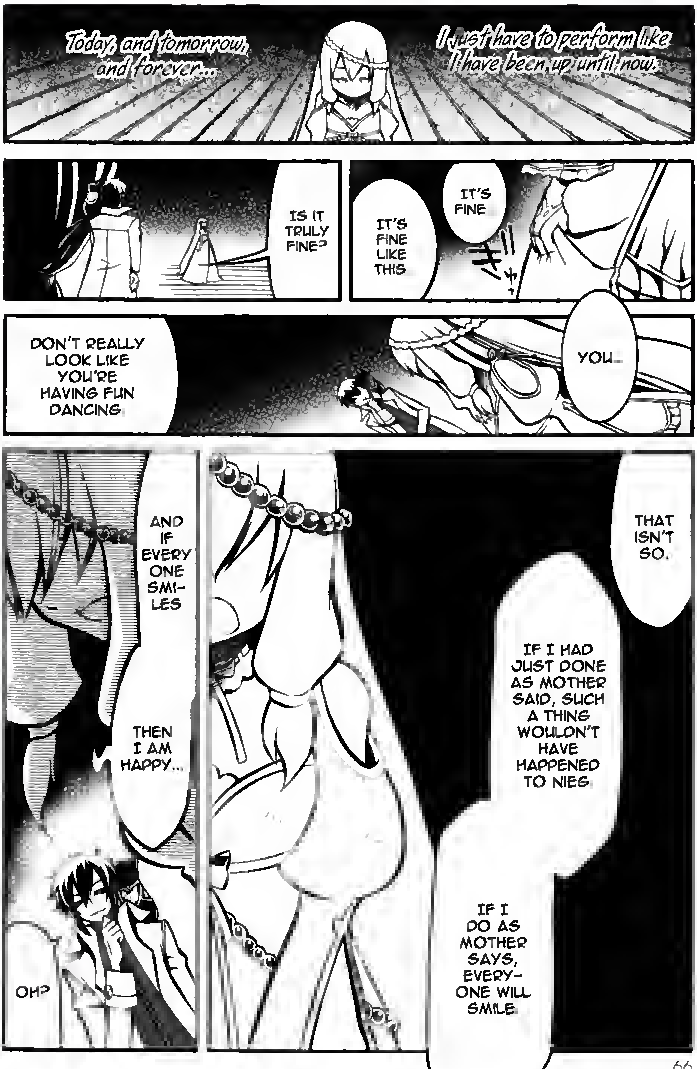
AH!
TCH!
YOU ARE FINISHED!
STOP IIIT!

All you need to do is listen to what I tell you, OK?
PREHNEEEEEE


THAT GIRL'S MOTHER THINKS OF HER AS AN EXTENSION OF HERSELF.
I don't get the relationships between humans and their young ones.

If I had to say, she is a "Koredo."
A demon that seizes those who love to sing and dance, and makes them dance unto madness.

And her daughter is a pitiful marionette, caught in her strings.
However, this puppet has a human heart.
She will move of her own will, even should the strings wind about her neck.


Today, and tomorrow, and forever...
I just have to perform like I have been up until now.
IS IT TRULY FINE?
IT'S FINE LIKE THIS
IT'S FINE
DON'T REALLY LOOK LIKE YOU'RE HAVING FUN DANCING.
YOU...
THAT ISN'T SO.
IF I HAD JUST DONE AS MOTHER SAID, SUCH A THING WOULDN'T HAVE HAPPENED TO NIES.
IF I DO AS MOTHER SAYS, EVERY-ONE WILL SMILE.
AND IF EVERY ONE SMI-LES
THEN I AM HAPPY...
OH?

Then why...
are you making that face?
Thi-this is nothing but sweat!
FU FU
SPEAK-ING OF NIES,
I'VE BEEN HOLDING ONTO THIS FOR HIM.

I can still follow my dream.
IN THE END, I WON'T BECOME THE GREATEST ACTOR
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S ON A GRAND STAGE, OR IN THE SLUMS. I CAN STILL PERFORM AND MAKE PEOPLE HAPPY!
OI! HAS-BEEN! WE'RE ABOUT TO BEGIN TODAY'S PERFOR-MANCE, WHY DON'T YA HELP OUT?
DON'T CALL ME HAS-BEEN!

SAY,
PREHNE?
What do you want to do?
Fufu...

Now dance!
My Produc- tion!!

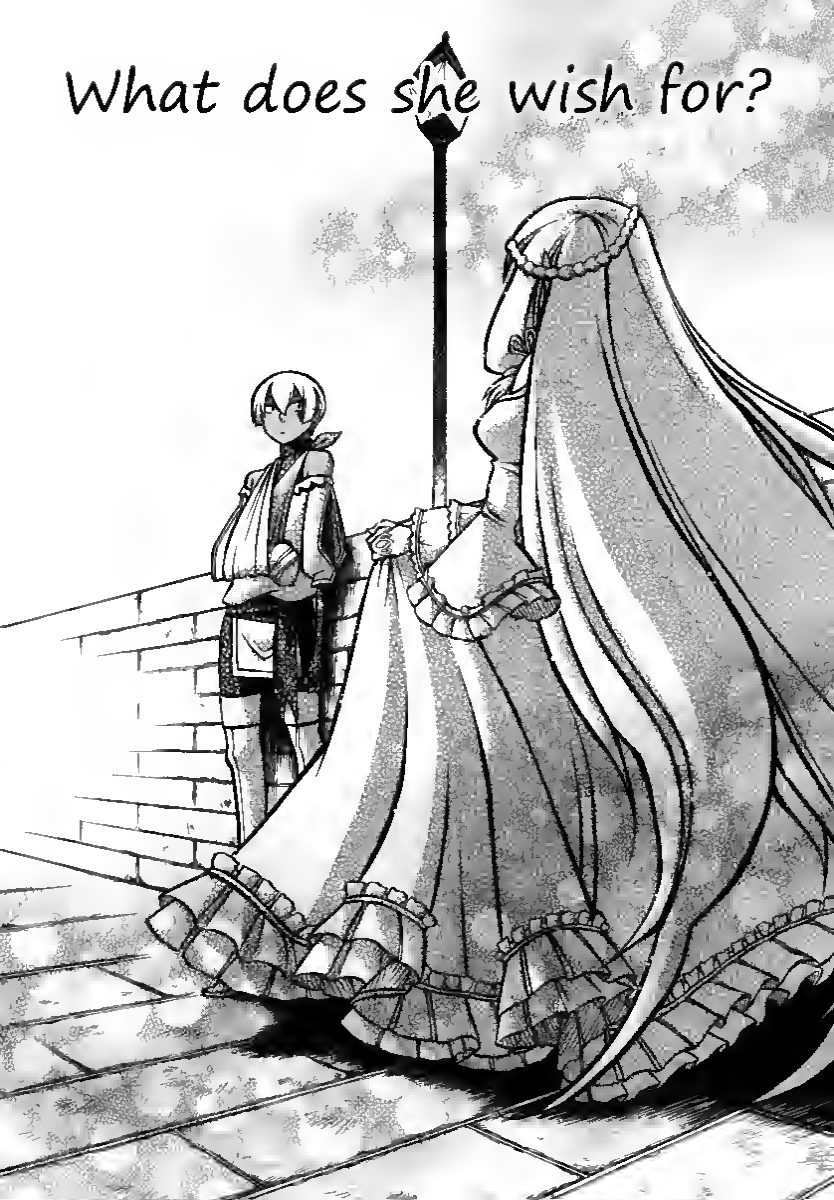
WHAT IS THIS!!?

THANKS TO HER SPECIAL CHARACTERISTIC, THE PUPPET THAT COULD ONLY DANCE HAS CONNECTED WITH A HUMAN, AND HAS BECOME HUMAN HERSELF
Fufu...
It seems that your power was insufficient.
I WANT A REFUND!
OI! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
BY THE WAY,
IN CASE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN
Ah...

!!?
!!
1000000000
WHAT'S THIS?!
YOU SAID I SHOULD FILL IT OUT FOR HOW-EVER MUCH I LIKE DIDN'T YOU?

Ah...
WELL THEN,
THANK YOU FOR YOUR PATRO-NAGE

...has run away from the puppeteer.
I GUESS I'LL GET START-ED.
WELL
The Marionette endowed with a heart...


What does she wish for?

*Even Should the Strings Wind About Her Neck*

— marionette —

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THIS IS THE CUP OF MIRACLES GRANTED US BY GOD
THE HOLY GRAIL OF MAGDALA
PRAISE THEE THE GOD OF MAGDALA,
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
THIS WILL CURE ELDA
YES, THOSE WHO BELIEVE IN GOD AND DRINK OF THE "HOLY GRAIL" WILL SURELY BE HEALED
AND THOU SHALT RECEIVE HIS BLESSINGS
SUCH IS THE DIVINE PROTECTION OF THE GOD OF MAGDALA

第13話

# 魂を救済せしもの（前編）

— thing to relieve soul —

HERE, ELDA, IT'S MEDICINE.

But...
It was really expensive, wasn't it?
THANK GOD.
I FEEL A LOT BETTER.
THANK YOU.
I heard from the landlord.
Because the "Holy Grail of Magdala" contains a miraculous medicine that can cure any sickness, they charge a lot for it.
Lately you've been...
taking more jobs to earn money, and you haven't been sleeping properly.
I...

SEEING YOU HEALTHY IS WORTH MORE TO ME THAN ANY AMOUNT OF MONEY!
IT'S ALRIGHT.
IT WAS QUITE EXPENSIVE,
BUT IT MADE YOU FEEL BETTER, EVEN WHEN ALL THE DOCTORS HAD GIVEN UP ON YOU!
FATHER WENDITT TOLD ME THAT...
GOD WILL SURELY SAVE YOU.
UM, KIO, IF THERE'S ANYTHING I CAN DO FOR YOU, PLEASE ASK!
HM, THERE IS

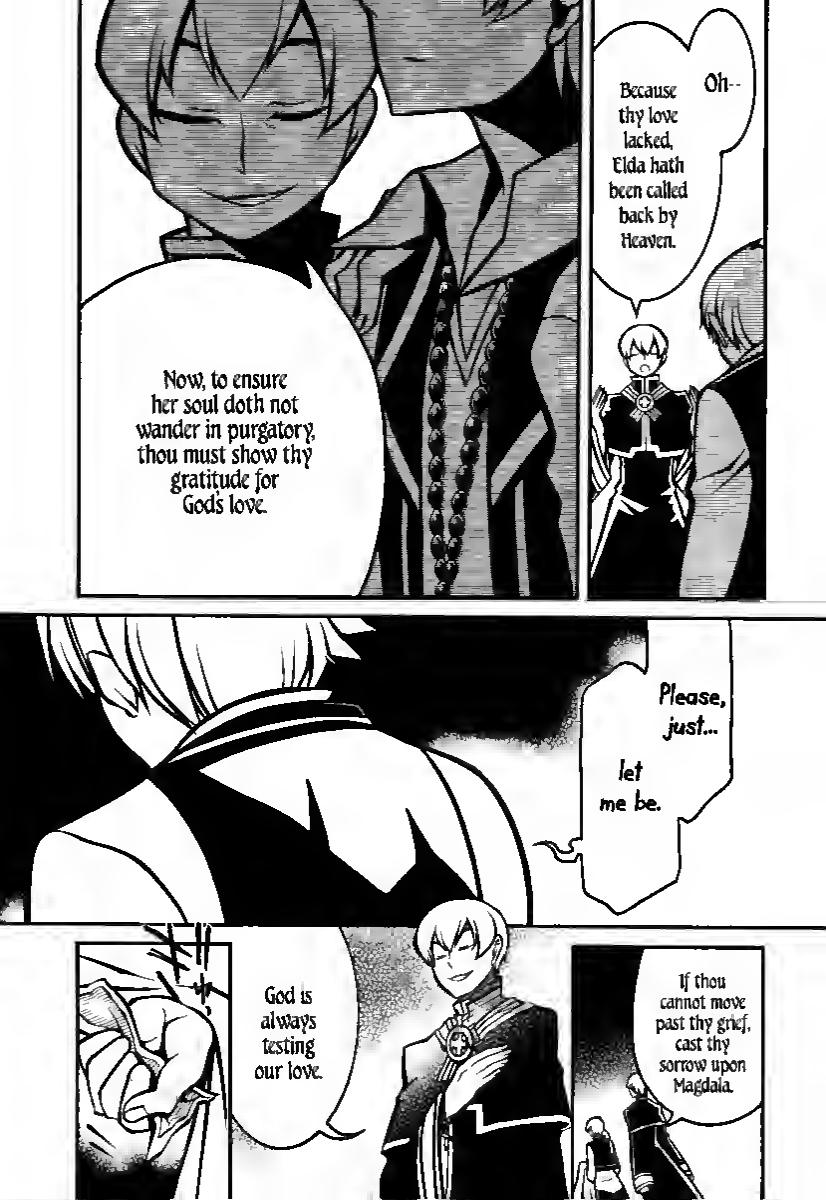
Take it easy and rest until I get back.
OH
IS THAT... IT?

Elda will definitely get better
I have to keep earning money for her sake.
I'M BACK!
Kio...
is late again, today.

ELDA !!?
OH DEAR
PLEASE! SAVE ELDA!!
FATHER WEN-RUTT!!
THEN RENDER UNTO GOD A SIGN OF THY GRATI-TUDE

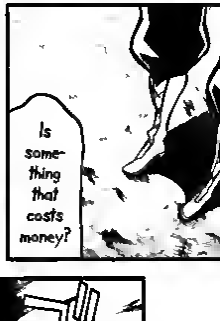
OH DEAR, THIS WILL NOT DO.
I-I'm sorry, this is all I have...
IT SEEMS THOU DOTH LACK SUFFICIENT GRATITUDE TOWARDS GOD.
...Wha-?
IF IT'S MONEY YOU WANT, I SWEAR, I'LL PAY YOU BACK!!
SO PLEASE, SAVE HER!!
It's al-right
It's al...
ELDA?!
It's okay, even if I don't live a long life.

I just
wanted to be with you...
I just wan-ted...
to be by your side...
ELDA?


Oh--
Because thy love lacked, Elda hath been called back by Heaven.
Now, to ensure her soul doth not wander in purgatory, thou must show thy gratitude for God's love.
Please, just... let me be.
God is always testing our love.
If thou cannot move past thy grief, cast thy sorrow upon Magdala.

GOD DIDN'T SAVE HER.

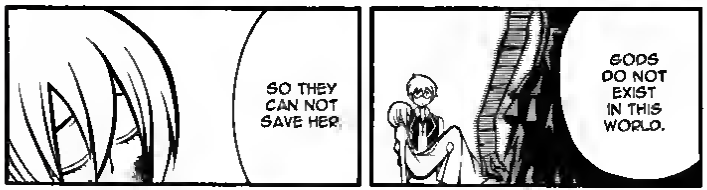
God's love?


Is something that costs money?

You there, young man.

DO YOU WANT TO RESURRECT
THAT GIRL, WHOSE CORPSE YOU HOLD?
WH-WHAT THE?!
She came out of my shadow?!

T/N THE BONE EATER



For just a bit of her bone and a bit of your soul, I can bring that girl back to life for a day.
How about it?
Will you take my offer?
Elda, brought back...
No, I won't!
WHY NOT?
YOU SAID THE RESURRECTION LAST ONLY A DAY

The Necro-mancer there can grant you the resurrec-tion you desire.
THAT WOULD NOT SUIT YOU WOULD IT?
I CANNOT LET YOU GAZE INTO HER EYES FOR MORE THAN A DAY.
THEN GO TO SLUM STREET
DOWN BACK ALLEY NUMBER 53
AH, I WAS REJEC-TED
Slum Street
If I go there, then Elda will...
Fufu...

BY THE WAY,
VERY WELL.
UNPLEASANT RUMORS HAVE REACHED MY EARS
The boy is poor, but he can afford this, at least.
NOW THEN. WE SHALL PROCEED AS PLANNED WITH ELDA S FUNERAL
FOR ONLY GOD MAY PERFORM SUCH ACTS.
SURELY NOT.
RESURRECTION?
SELLING A SOUL, GRANTED BY GOD,
IS AN UNFORGIVABLE SIN
OF LATE, I HAVE HEARD MORE THAN A FEW TALES OF THE DEAD BEING RESURRECTED

LOOK INTO IT.
FOR HAVE NOT THE OFFERINGS OF THY JURISDICTION BEEN PARTICULARLY POOR?
...YES
We give absolute glory to God.

THERE IS NO GOD.
THAT'S WHY HE DIDN'T SAVE ELDA.
I'll get Elda back,
even if I must sell my soul to the demon.

Do come in.
I WAS TOLD THAT, IF I CAME HERE, YOU WOULD RESURRECT THE DEAD
THAT'S CORRECT
AH, UM...
HOW MUCH IS YOUR FEE?
But, as the demon's contract demands...
I will take your soul.
I... don't have much money.

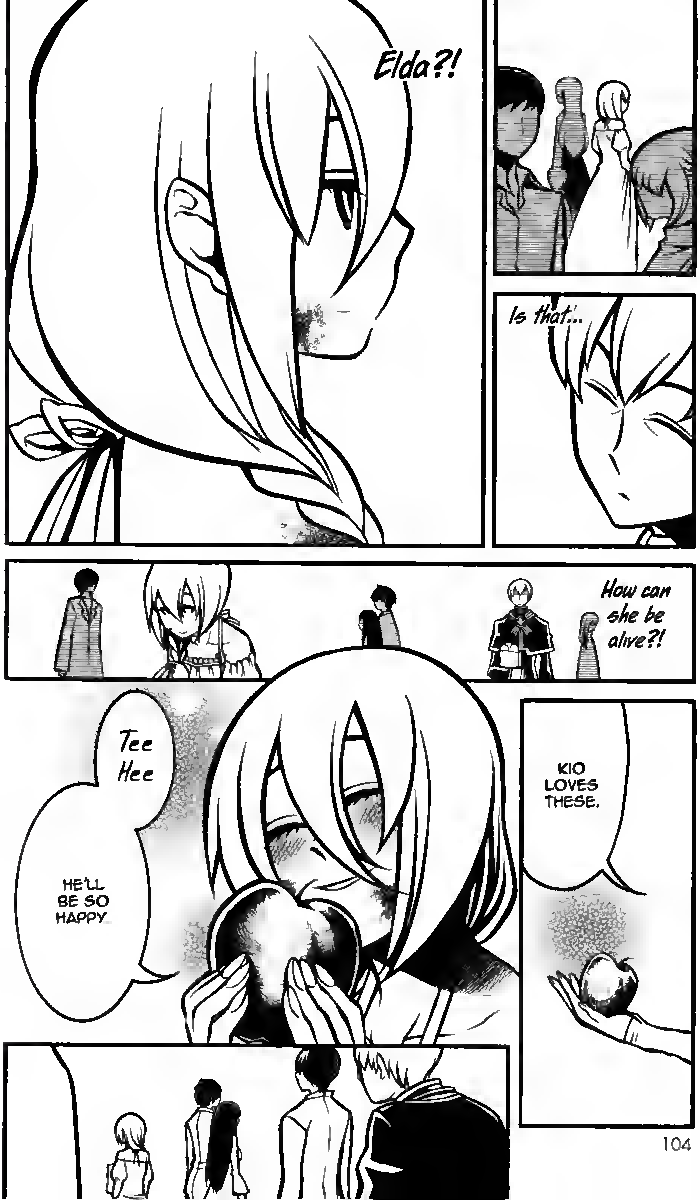
WHY WOULD I ASK FOR SOMETHING YOU DON'T HAVE?
ONLY AS MUCH AS THE CUSTO-MER CAN PAY
EH!!? ARE YOU SERI OUS!?
I would've thought you'd gouge for something like this...
IF YOU HAD MONEY I WOULD, OF COURSE, HAVE TAKEN IT.
WELL THEN.
TH, THANK YOU.

Shem
ha
Mephorash
Shem
ha
Mephorash

ELDA!!!
I...
how...
From now on, I'll always be with you!
Hu.. uh?

IS THAT SO..
I don't have to force myself to work so long anymore!
WELL THEN,
SWEET DREAMS FOR NOW.

I KNOW!
I CAN COOK HIM A WONDERFUL FEAST
KIO WILL BE BACK EARLY TODAY.
WHAT CAN I DO FOR HIM?
Even though taxes are so high, they give so much.
What fools they are.
THANK YOU.
They are in complete awe of me.
Ah, it's Father Wenpuit!


Elda?!
Is that...
How can she be alive?!
Tee Hee
HE'LL BE SO HAPPY
KIO LOVES THESE.

I'M BACK!
THIS RIBBON WILL LOOK GREAT ON YOU!
LOOK AT THIS, ELDA!

Elda refused to confess her sins, even unto death.

Wilst thou too lie in the face of God?
Kio
WHY DIDST THOU RESUR-RECT ELOA?
NOW, SPEAK
You did this to her?
El... DA?

DO THIS TO ELDA!!
HOW DARE YOU...!!
ELDA WAS SMITTEN BY GOD'S WRATH.
YOUR GOD DOESN'T EVEN EXIST!!

Hm...
The Necro-mancer of Slum Street
was it?

THIS IS THE CHANCE OF A LIFE-TIME.
I GIVE...
ABSOLUTE GLORY TO GOD.

Fufu...
THIS IS GETTING INTERES-TING.

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WE'VE GOT ANOTHER TRAGEDY
THE VICTIM IS KIO NIES.
HE WAS, APPARENTLY, WORKING TO PAY FOR MEDICINE FOR A SICK GIRL HE WAS LIVING WITH
HER NAME WAS ELDA RIA.
HER WHEREABOUTS ARE CURRENTLY UNKNOWN
SO, SHE MURDERED HER LOVER, WHO WAS WORKING FOR HER SAKE?
HEY, WE DON'T KNOW THAT FOR SURE. SHE'S OUR ONLY LEAD.

SIR!
FIND ELDARIA!
THE MAGDALA CHURCH
LOOKS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO GET TROUBLESOME AGAIN
Magdala?

第14話

# 魂を救済せしもの（後編）

— thing to relieve soul —

There lives the Necromancer, said to be able to bring the dead back to life.
The Town where sorrow and desire mingle together – Slum Street
SLUM STREET
53
Please, come in.
WHAT'S THIS?
PLEASE
RESURRECT MY LITTLE SISTER ELDA.

MY MY. WHAT HAPPENED TO THE BOY WHO BROUGHT HER HERE BEFORE?
HE COULD NOT COME THIS TIME. I AM HERE IN HIS PLACE...
This is fishy.
.....
VERY WELL.
As the devil's contract demands,
I will be taking your soul.

Shem ha
Mephorash
Shem ha
Mephorash

YOU...
OH ELDA, I'VE MISSED YOU SO MUCH!
We have Kio.
If you disobey, we'll kill him.
YES
WELL, LET'S GO, ELDA.

AND WHO MIGHT THIS BE?
EXCELLENT TIMING
I HAVE RETURNED!
I SEE.
WE ARE CURRENTLY INVESTIGATING THE RUMORED "RESURRECTIONS"
His Excellency Rihart, an exorcist.
Excellent timing, indeed. Now I can show off in front of a big wig.
YOU
M TO HAVE KILLED TWO OF YOUR FLOCK NAMED ELOA AND KIO

Ah...?
ONLY BECAUSE THEY BETRAYED THE CHURCH
Kiro is dead?
BUT ABOUT THE RUMORS A YOUNG MAN ON SLUM STREET, CALLED THE "NECROMANCER," HAS BEEN RESURRECTING THE DEAD
I HAD THIS GIRL REVIVED TO SEE FOR MYSELF.
NO!
ELDA HERE IS THE PROOF
HMMM
So you've made a pact with the devil?
?

We are the Hammer of God which shall smite all Evil.

I THOUGHT THEY HAD ALL BEEN WIPED OUT. BUT IT SEEMS THERE WAS A SURVIVOR.
AND THE GIRL?
DISPOSE OF HIM
LEAVE HER BE.
HER BODY WON'T LAST MUCH LONGER.
I want
to see Kio...
Kio...

AS I THOUGHT, IT'S BECOME TROUBLE-SOME.
THE BOY HAS ALREADY BEEN CRE-MATED
THE SEARCH FOR THE GIRL HAS BEEN CALLED OFF
HEY!
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
Pressure from Magdala that's what it is.

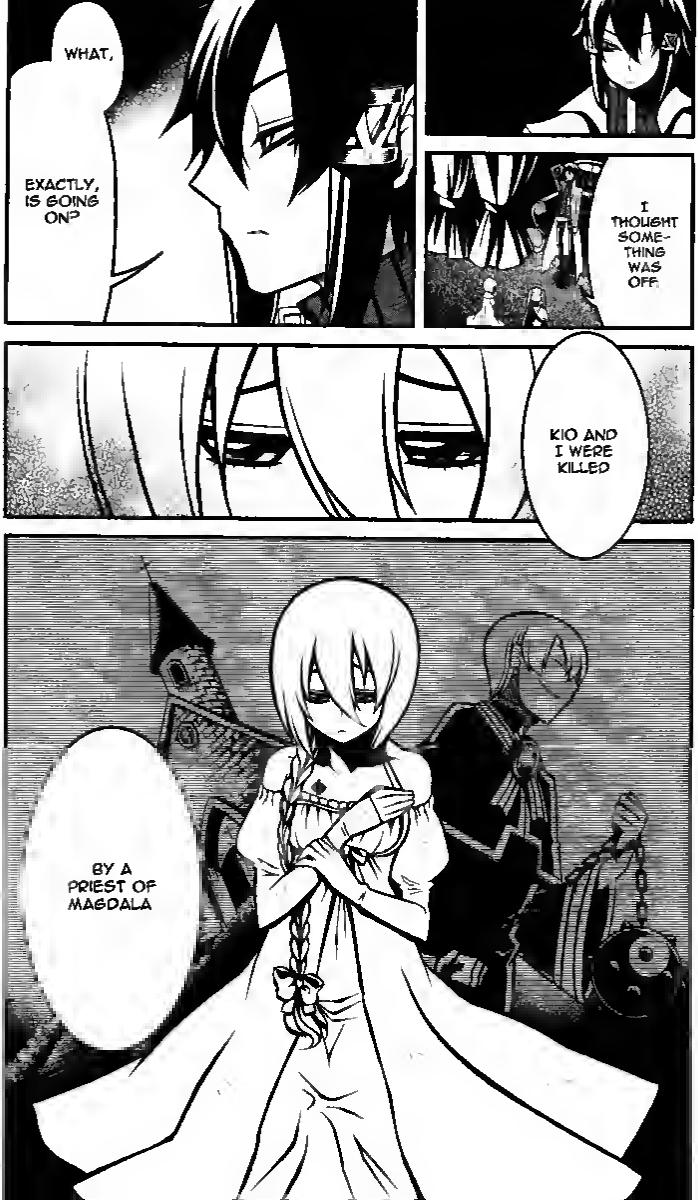
WE CAN'T DO ANYTHING BUT DROP IT.
ON THE SURFACE, IT'S JUST ANOTHER RELIGIOUS ORDER. BUT, BEHIND THE SCENES, THEIR LEADERS HAVE A DIRECT PIPELINE TO THE POLITICAL WORLD.
JUST WHO ARE THE MAGDALA, ANYWAY?
OH, YOU DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM?
THEY ALSO CLAIM THEY CAN CALL DOWN "ACTS OF GOD" AND "MIRACLES," OR SOME OTHER CRAP LIKE THAT.
No way...
I can't just ignore this.
WE'RE TALKING ABOUT AN ORGANIZATION, HERE
THEY'RE BAD NEWS ON A WHOLE DIFFERENT LEVEL. IT'S NOT JUST THE GATHERING OF INDIVIDUALS DOWN ON SLUM STREET...

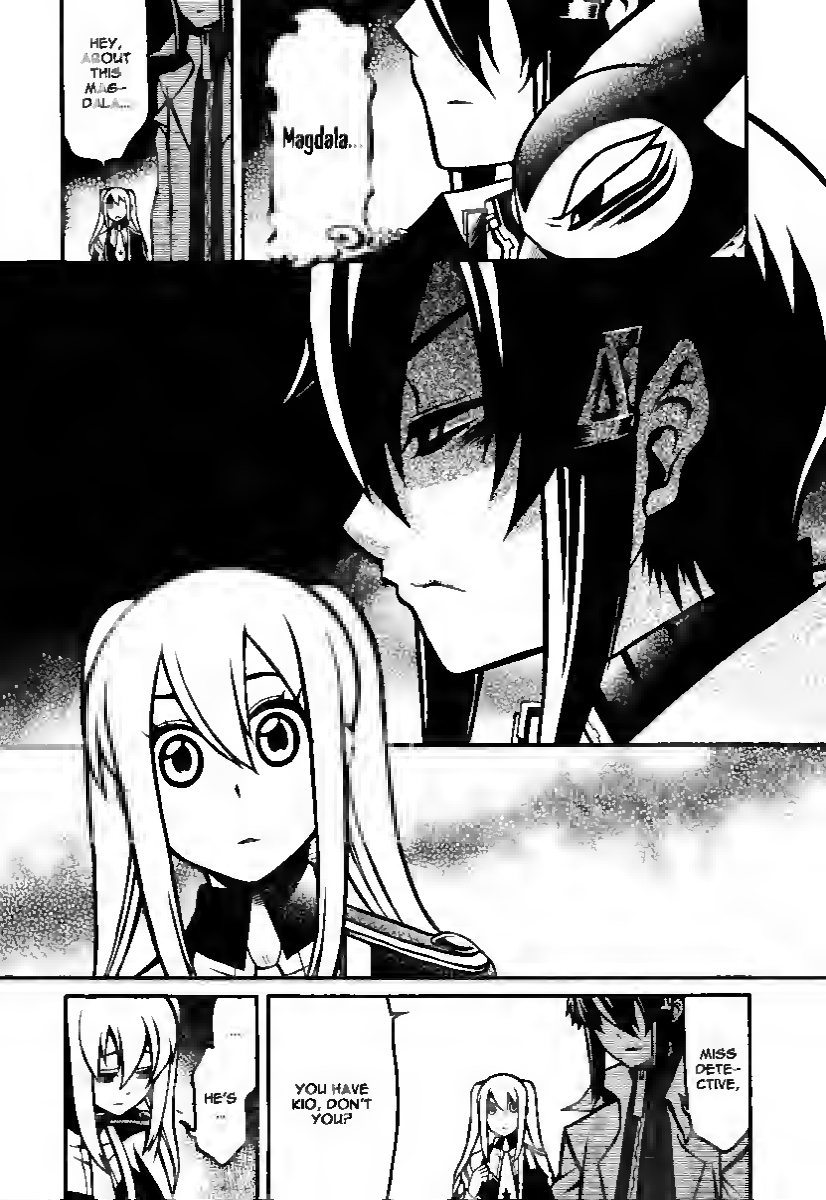
RICOTT,
DO NOT...
GET IN-VOLVED.
Magdala

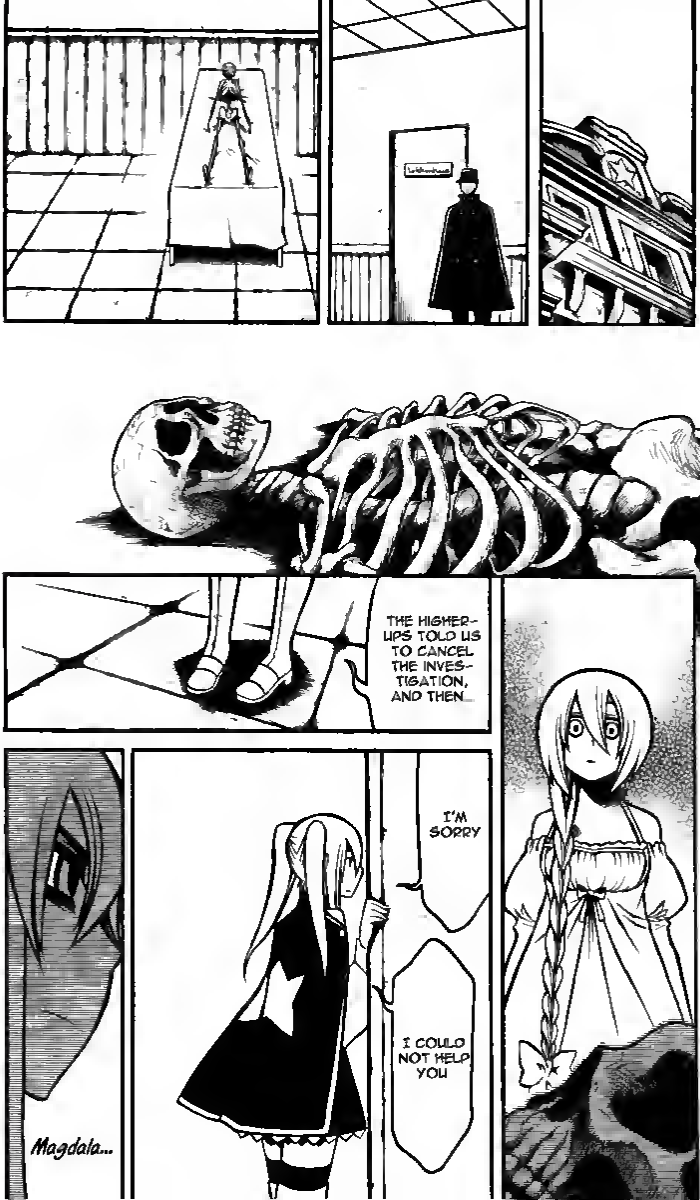
There's no way I can leave this alone.
Don't patro-nize me.

I'LL DO THE WHOLE INVESTIGATION MYSELF, IF I HAVE TO
OKAY! FIRST I'LL HAVE TO TRACK DOWN ELDA!
KIO!
ARE YOU...
KIO!
WHERE?

I have...
to find Kio.
WHOA, ARE YOU ALRIGHT?
She doesn't seem like she would murder someone.
ELDARIA?
COULD YOU BE...
Go see the Necromancer...
ASUTSUO!
JUST WHAT HAVE YOU GOTTEN MIXED UP IN THIS TIME!!?


WHAT,
EXACTLY, IS GOING ON?
I THOUGHT SOME-THING WAS OFF.
KIO AND I WERE KILLED
BY A PRIEST OF MAGDALA


HEY, ABOUT THIS MAG-DALA...
Magdala...
MISS DETE-CTIVE,
YOU HAVE KIO, DON'T YOU?
HE'S ...


THE HIGHER-UPS TOLD US TO CANCEL THE INVESTIGATION, AND THEN...
I'M SORRY
I COULD NOT HELP YOU
Magdala...

Kio...
However, you don't have three years left to live.
PLEASE, YOU HAVE TO RE-SURRECT HIM!
I COULD DO THAT, YES
Resur-recting him would take your remaining life, and you would be a corpse once more.

YOU WOULDN'T BE RE-UNITED
NO WAY...
MY MY, IS IT MY TURN NOW?
Knochen fresserin
Damn hyena.
How did she get in here?

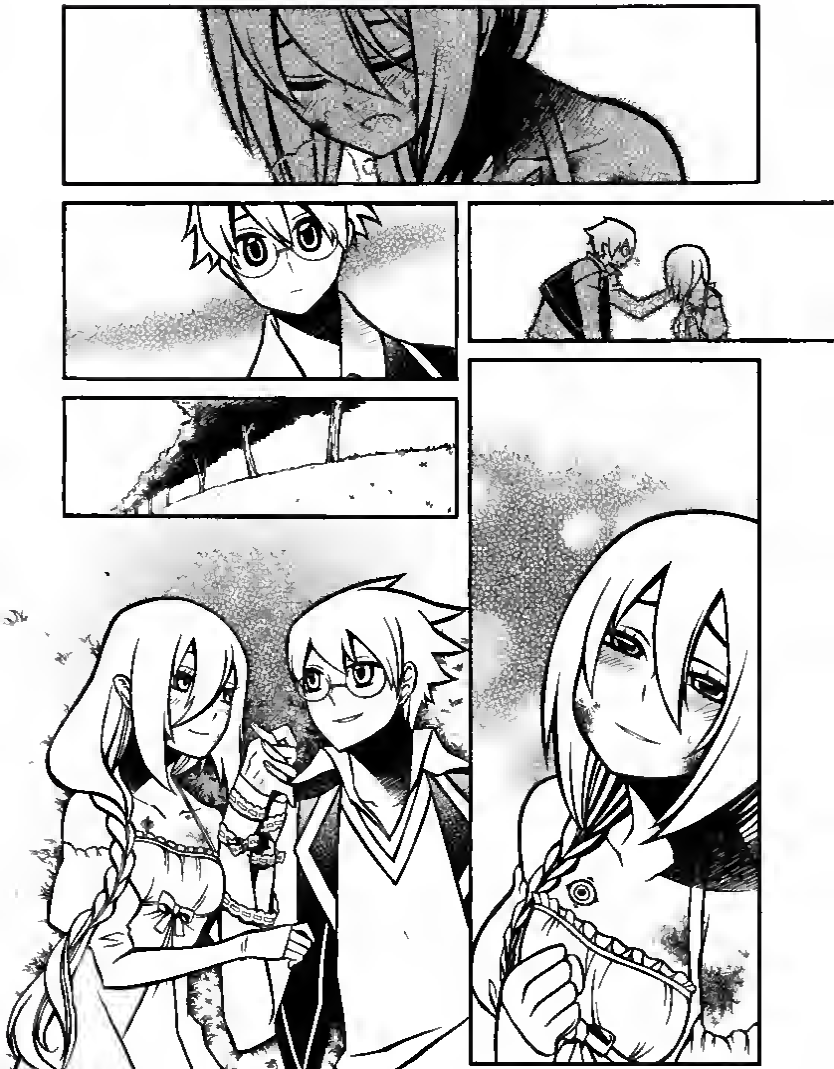
A DEMON WHO CAN RESURRECT THE DEAD FOR BUT A DAY BY EATING ONE OF THE SUBJECT'S BONES
I AM CALLED Knochenfresserin.
THOUGH I CANNOT GUARANTEE YOU WILL LAST THE FULL DAY
FOR A SINGLE YEAR OF LIFE, I COULD LET YOU SPEND A DAY WITH YOUR MAN.
I WANT TO SEE KIO.
EVEN SO,
Then, with this devil's contract...
I shall be taking your soul

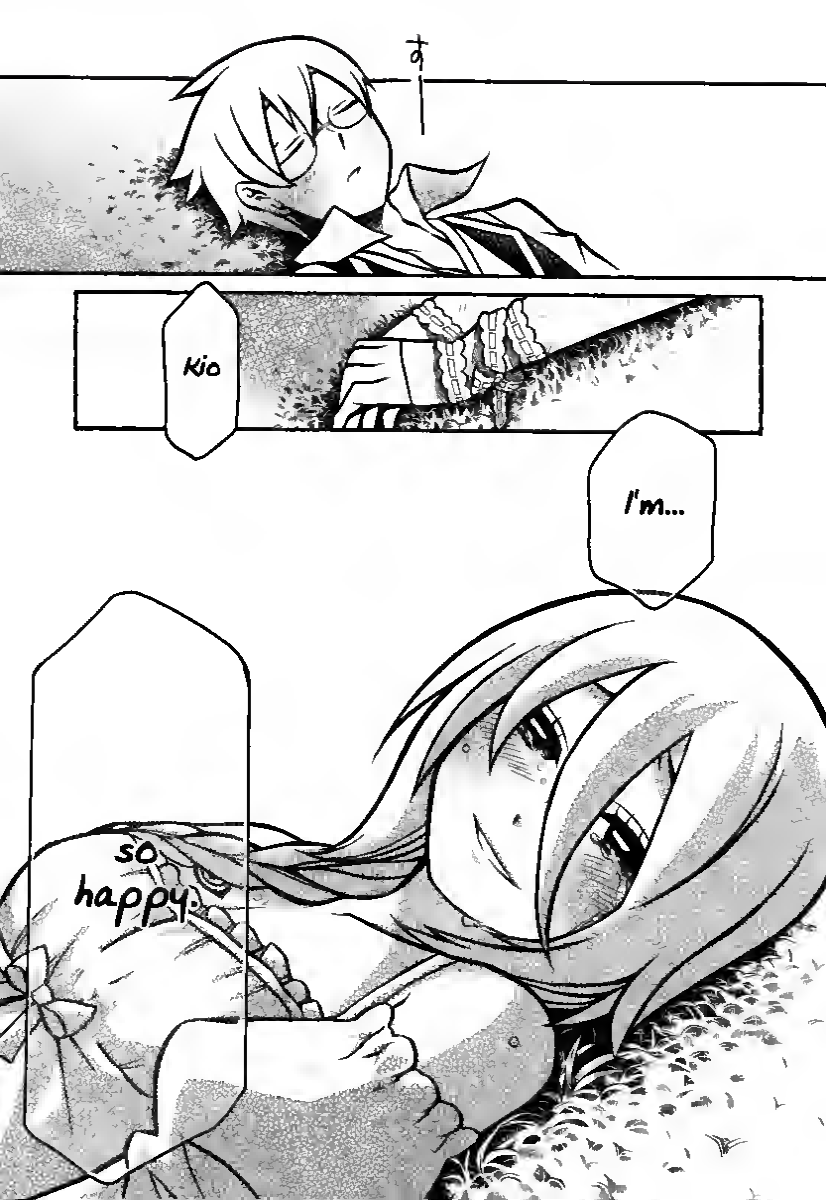
Nn...
AIH
WHOA

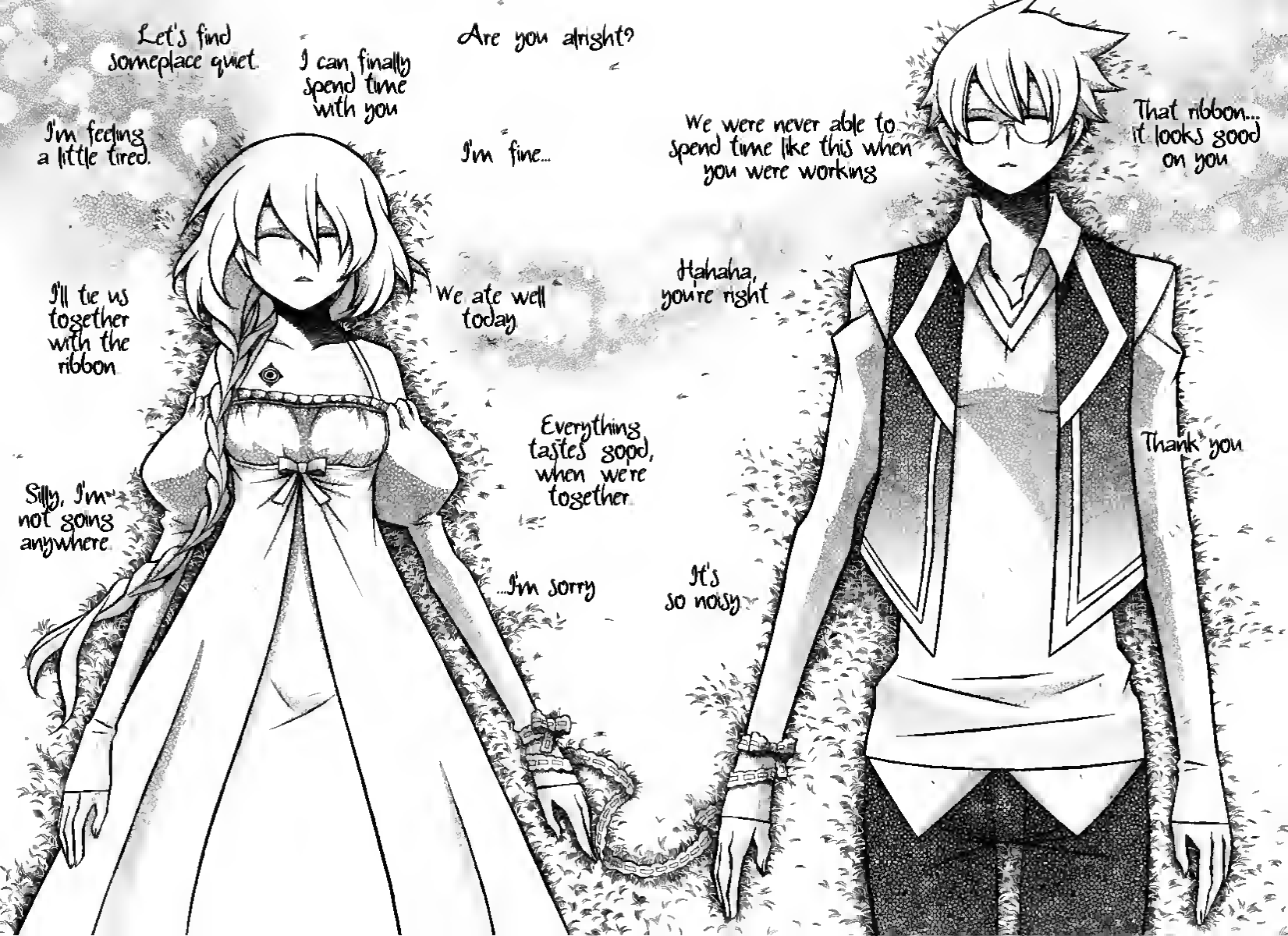
KIO!
Am... I...?
She's alive?!
WHA!
ELDA ?!
I missed you.

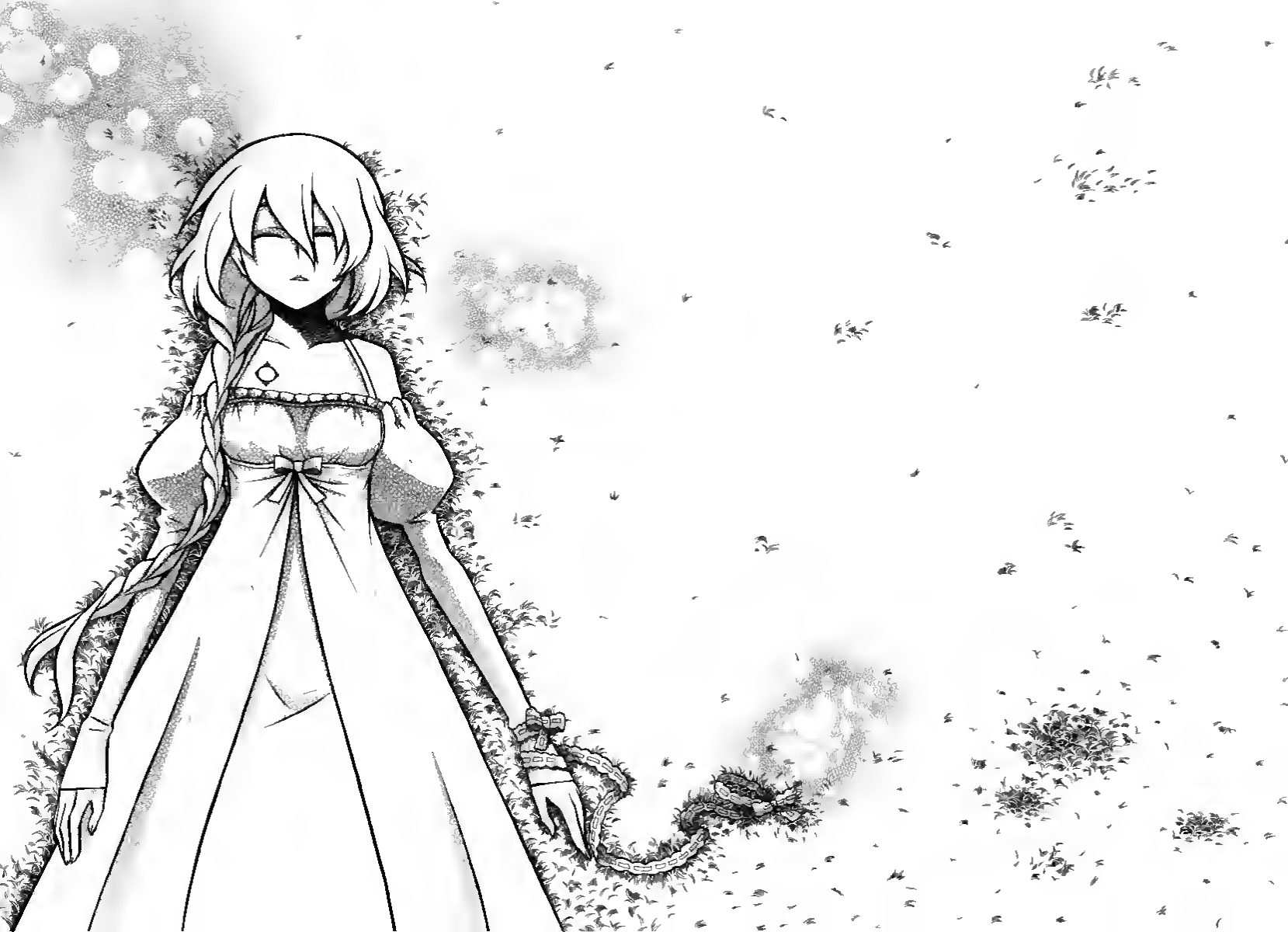
I SEE
SO I WAS DEAD
I DION'T HAVE ENOUGH LIFE LEFT TO RESUR-RECT YOU FOR MORE THAN A DAY..
I'M SORRY
TO-MORROW, YOU AND I ARE GOING DIE
BECAUSE I GET TO BE WITH YOU
IT'S FINE

We'll be together all day today.
THEIR LAST DAY, SPENT TOGETHER...
WELL THEN,
SWEET DREAMS, FOR NOW




Kio
I'm...
so happy.


Let's find someplace quiet
I can finally spend time with you
Are you alright?
I'm feeling a little tired.
I'm fine...
We were never able to spend time like this when you were working
That ribbon... it looks good on you
I'll tie us together with the ribbon
We ate well today
Hahaha, you're right
Everything tastes good, when we're together
Thank you
Silly, I'm not going anywhere
...I'm sorry
It's so noisy



Are the ones who save souls
Gods or demons?
It's ironic.
The one who saved them, in the end, was a demon.
RIGHT? BABY FAUST?

Magdala has found us.
We're out of time
THERE NEVER HAS BEEN
THERE IS NO FATHER WENRUTT HERE
What is this...
HEHE..
Just what is Magdala?!

You won't escape this time,
Necro-mancer.

— thing to relieve soul — the last part

*to be continued .*

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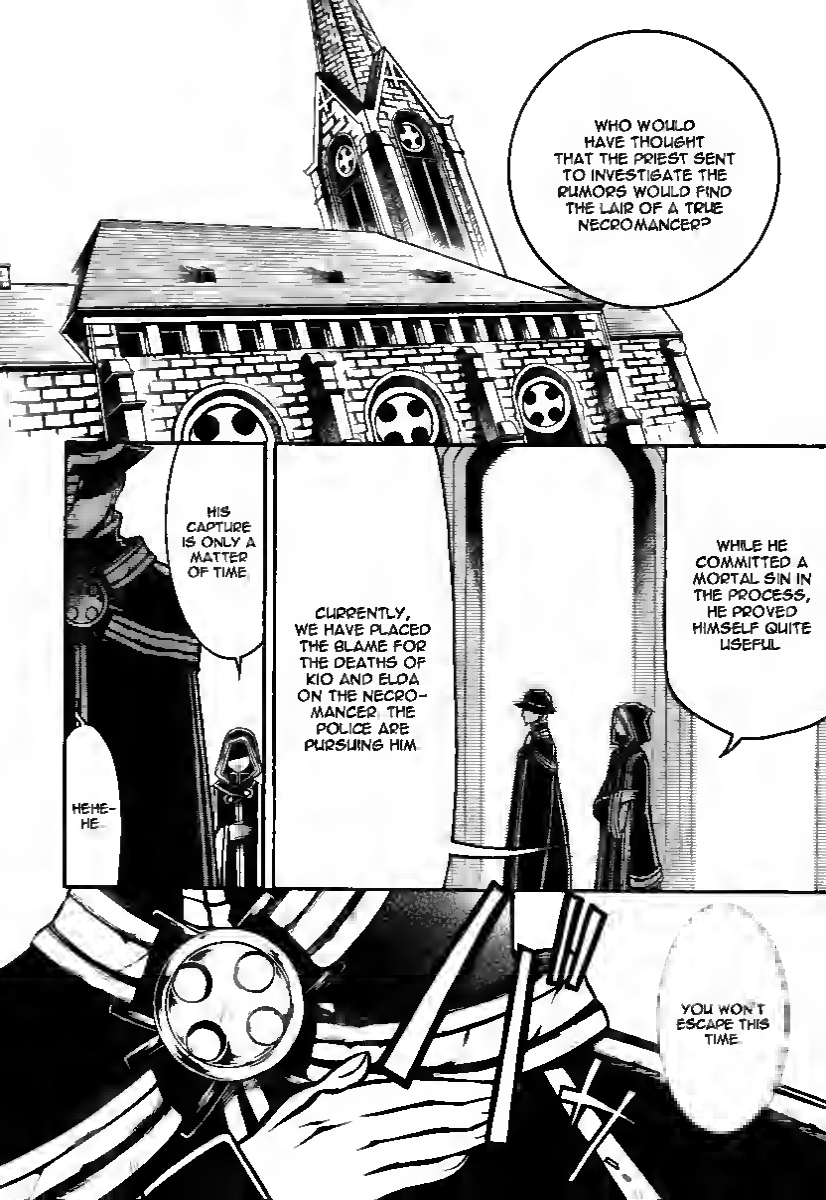
DAMN
HOW DID IT COME TO THIS?!
THERE HE IS!
AFTER HIM!
ASUTSUO JOHANN FAUST
YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!
WHERE COULD HE BE!?
ASU-TSUO!
GUN-FIRE!!?


WHO WOULD HAVE THOUGHT THAT THE PRIEST SENT TO INVESTIGATE THE RUMORS WOULD FIND THE LAIR OF A TRUE NECROMANCER?
HIS CAPTURE IS ONLY A MATTER OF TIME
CURRENTLY, WE HAVE PLACED THE BLAME FOR THE DEATHS OF KIO AND ELOA ON THE NECRO-MANCER. THE POLICE ARE PURSUING HIM
WHILE HE COMMITTED A MORTAL SIN IN THE PROCESS, HE PROVED HIMSELF QUITE USEFUL
HEHE-HE
YOU WON'T ESCAPE THIS TIME

We are the hammer of God...
which shall smite all evil.
The top brass suddenly declared that Asutsuo was the culprit.
Is this Magdala's influence at work?
There!
ASU-TSUO !?

OH MY, IF IT ISN'T THE DETECTIVE?
ARE YOU GOING TO ARREST ME?
IDIOT! I RAN ALL THE WAY HERE TO HELP YOU!
THE POLICE ARE IN MAGDALA'S POCKET!
WE CAN'T TRUST YOU!
I HEARD IT STRAIGHT FROM THE VICTIM, ELDA, HERSELF!
IT WASN'T YOU!
THE REAL CULPRIT WAS A MAGDALENE PRIEST!
...
...FUFU

WE HAVE TO STOP THE BLEEDING!
HE'S BEEN SHOT IN THE SIDE!
ASU-TSUO!
YOU'RE THE SAME AS ALWAYS.
AREN'T YOU?
.....
WHY IS MAGDALA HUNTING HIM DOWN?
Necromancy runs counter to the teachings of Magdala
If Magdala believes itself to be righteous,
then Necromancy must, by extension, be evil.
Asutsuo fights alone against that pretext.
SILVY
RAABI

# 第15話
# 世界の姿
## — existence of the world —

Shem
ha
Mephorash
6 years ago
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
FOR NOW,
WE CAN LIVE TOGETHER.
All DON'T MENTION IT!
WELL THEN, SWEET DREAMS FOR NOW.

Ah!
Dad!
I'M SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.
I'M ALL DONE WITH WORK NOW.
THAT'S FINE, I WAS PLAYING WITH MY FRIENDS.
I'M PLEASED TO MAKE YOUR ACQUAINTANCES, THANK YOU ALL FOR BEING SUCH GOOD FRIENDS TO MY SON.
ASU-TSUO, IS THIS YOUR DAD?
.....
He seems kinda flaky.
He's skinny
Mister, why d'you speak so fowmawy?

WHOA!
DAD MIGHT LOOK LIKE THIS, BUT HIS WORK IS REALLY AMAZING!
LOOK AT THE TIME ASUTSUO! MOM HAS ALREADY MADE DINNER AND IS WAITING FOR US!

H-M?

HOME.
LET'S GO
Ahaha...

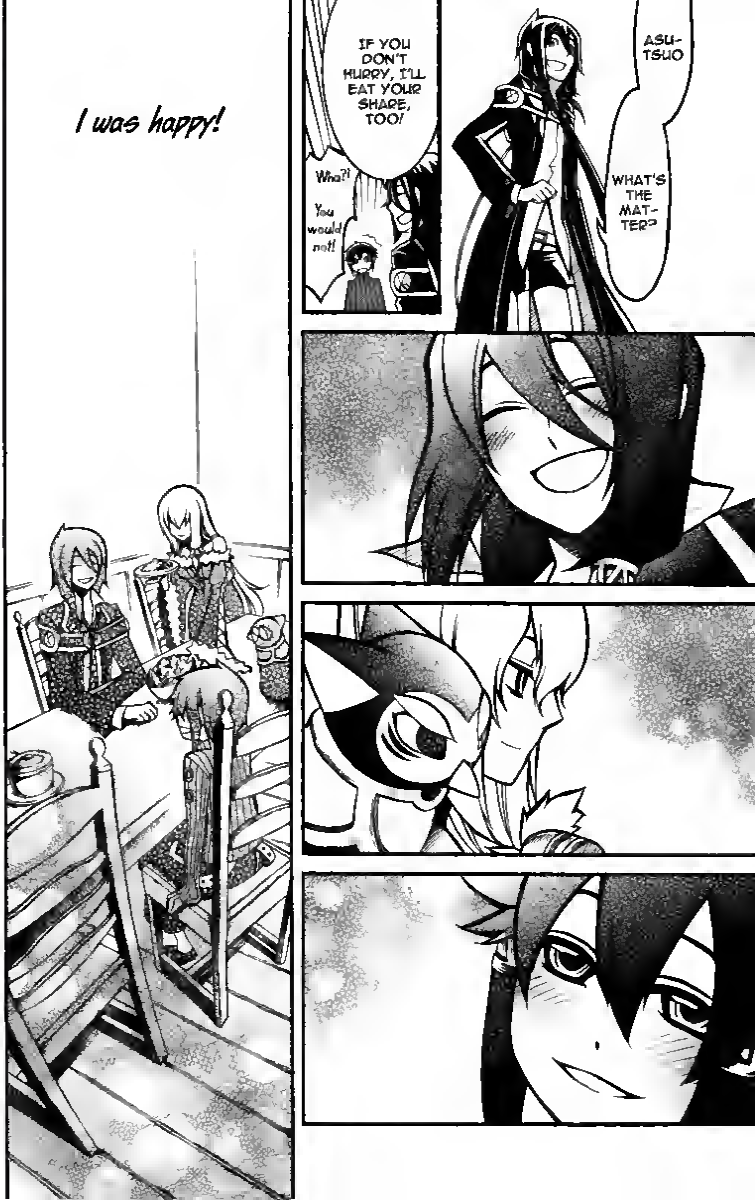
The Village of the Necro-mancers

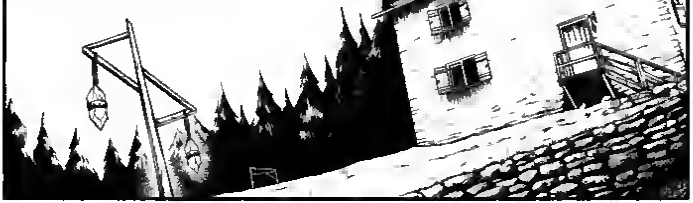
WHY ARE YOU ALWAYS SUCH A WUSS?!
HEY DAD!
YOU PROVE MY POINT AGAIN.
Ah it's again.
OH...
SORRY.
EH?
Y-yes!
DON'T APOLOGIZE!
I'M SORR-
This man is Digros Johann Faust
He was my Father
An incredibly talented Necromancer even among Necromancers, his work earned him the adoration of all and the position of family head.

I was so proud of my father
Yet, even though I wanted to grow up to be like him...
He's mad at me again...
He was always timid, and lacked self-confidence
A NECRO-MANCER DOES AWE-SOME THINGS AND MAKES PEOPLE SMILE, DOESN'T HE?
WE NECRO-MANCERS
TAKE THE SOUL OF A LIVING PERSON AND DIVIDE IT BETWEEN THEM AND THE ONE WE RESURRECT
WHEN YOU THINK ABOUT IT,
WE STEAL SOULS
WE SIMPLY REPLACE ONE SORROW WITH A DIFFERENT KIND.
There is a heavy price to pay...
for saving some-one.

We are the ones who must bear this sin.

I don't understand a thing you're saying.
Oh...
Uh
This is probably still too difficult a concept for you
I understand that
Asutsuo, supper is ready!
Yay! What did you make today, Salome?
Grrr
I didn't get it at all


I was happy!
IF YOU DON'T HURRY, I'LL EAT YOUR SHARE, TOO!
Wha?!
You would not!
ASU-TSUO
WHAT'S THE MAT-TER?



I'm sorry

YEAH
CAN YOU TAKE CARE OF THE SHOPPING BY YOUR SELF?

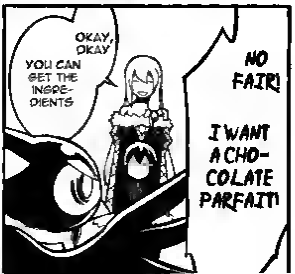
?

WE GROWN-UPS ARE TWO-FACED.
WE CAN'T WALK PROUDLY OUTSIDE OF OUR OWN VILLAGE

OH, AND IT SOUNDS LIKE YOU'LL BE GETTING A TASTY TREAT OUT OF IT!
YEAH.
OH ASUTSUO, ARE YOU RUNNING ERRANDS?

Really?!
I KNOW!
AS A REWARD FOR RUNNING ERRANDS, YOU CAN BUY YOURSELF SOME WHITE CHOCOLATE

I'LL BE BACK SOON!


OKAY, OKAY YOU CAN GET THE INGRE-DIENTS
NO FAIR!
I WANT A CHO-COLATE PARFAIT!

Is that...?
Huh?
OH, ASUTSUO
WHAT'S WRONG?
She's dead..
IT'S HER CAT...
HM-
WHAT CAN WE DO?
NYA!
That's it! If I show them what Necromancy can do, they'll see how awesome Dad is!
If it's a small animal, I'm pretty sure I can resurrect it...

WAIT RIGHT THERE!
Shem ha
Mephorash
Shem ha
Mephorash
Mii!

I did it!
This is the Devil's power!!
LISTEN UP, MY DAD IS !
I... heard about this at church!
This is bad...
Huh...?
WE HAVE TO TELL THE GROWN-UPS!

BUT WHY...?
WHAT THE...?
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?! HURRY UP AND RUN
I STILL HAVE SHOPPING TO DO
...OH, WELL..
AT LEAST I MADE HER HAPPY

I...
I didn't know.
YOU DID THE RIGHT THING.
I'm not a bad girl.
He just brought my cat back.
IT'S OKAY, YOUR SINS ARE FORGIVEN
BUT, IN EXCHANGE, YOU MUST TELL ME WHERE THEY ARE.

NO--PE
Asutsuo, do you understand now what Digros told you?
...I'll let it slide, this time, but you need to be more careful.
Well, that's true.
THAT GIRL WAS HAPPY, RIGHT?
It can't be.
IT'S FROM THE VILLAGE.

ASUTSUO!
What in the world is happening?!

UH!
No!
This isn't real!
Mom
that's her bell...

SHE'S OKAY!
DAD!
MOM!

That was...

A person who was
a mother...

And a person who was
a father...

They were just sacks of flesh...
But now...
Their hearts gouged...
Their limbs torn...
They were dead.

Swarmed by crows

I didn't know...
Over there!
All that remained was a foul stench and foul sight.

ASU-TSUO!
The world's...
ASU-TSUO!
RUN AWAY!
DAMN
THIS IS THE LAST SURVIVOR!
WE SHOULD PUBLICALLY EXECUTE HIM, AS A WARNING!

I was so proud of Necromancy...
but the faces who called it evil...
were also...
full of pride!

That this world does not bless Necromancers
Then, I understood one thing...
KILL HIM
KILL HIM
Believed in anything!
I no longer...
Until I met her!

— existence of the world —

# Afterword

Hello, I'm Soga Shima.

Thank you all for buying volume 3 of Necromancer. It makes me so happy that you all have both taken the time to read this and that this manga has brought you enjoyment.

Necromancer has a great deal more substance to it in its third volume. The theme this time is, "That which is chose, and the price paid for it."

I think people usually only choose "100" or "0".
"To make a choice," is to have to carry the burden of the possibilities that arise from it.

If you had to go that far, would you choose what you yourself desired?
Or choose what you "want to choose?"

People's lives are probably just an array of incidents, situations and other "events" that happen. Feelings of happiness. Feelings of unhappiness.
The ones who attach those concepts to them are none other than "humans" themselves, and I think that which we call "Taboo" is also a concept created by humans.

Within Necromancer, this applies to the act of raising the dead.
The price for choosing the taboo is heavy, and many things come of it.
But I do not think the characters are wrong in their choices.

How do you react to the decisions?

In the end whatever your options are, the only path you can take is the one in your own heart. That is what I think.

Lastly, I am very thankful that you have read this far.

Please look forward to volume 4.

## SPECIAL THANKS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みずあめちゃん⑪~⑮

山本さん⑪~⑮

担当：小笠原宏さん

デザイン：葛西恵さん

協力：ゴウダヒデヒロさん

Florian Seidel
（フロリアン サイデル）さん

中山みすずさん

あらたとらさん

Sumariさん
（NECROMANCER プロップパーツ協力）

# Digros Johann Faust

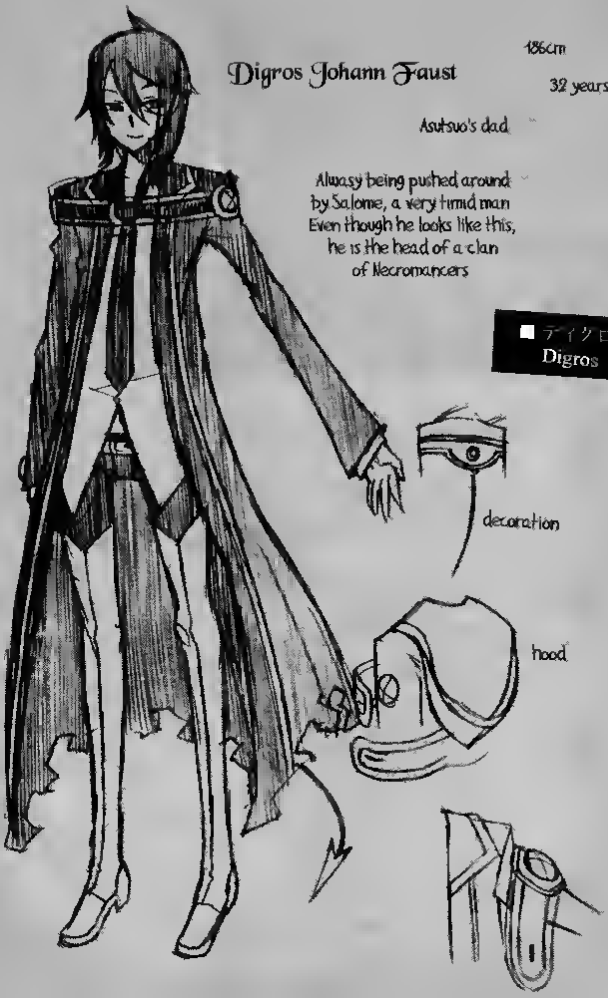
186cm

32 years old

Asutsuo's dad

Always being pushed around by Salome, a very timid man
Even though he looks like this, he is the head of a clan of Necromancers

■ ディグロス
Digros



■ アスツオ
Asutsuo

## Asutsuo
## 12 years old

Asutsuo has a bit of a sparkle in his eyes. This was a carefree happy time for him

He wears leggings over his pants

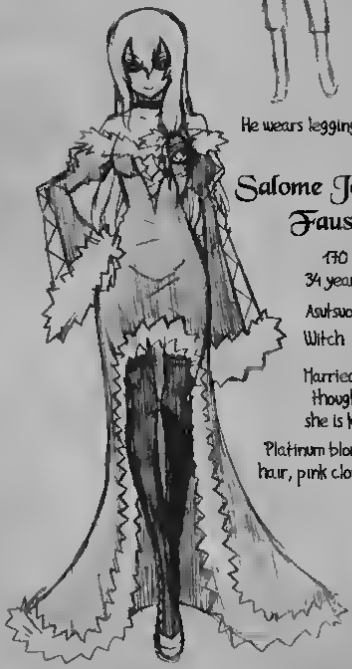
## Salome Johann Faust

170 cm
34 years old
Asutsuo's mom
Witch

■ サロメ
Salome

Married to the timid Digros
though she looks wicked,
she is kind and supportive

Platinum blonde
hair, pink clothes



Laces up
the sides

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